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Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 69/321, the General Assembly decided to establish, at its seventieth session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States.

2. In paragraph 5 of the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that had not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventieth session.

3. The present report is being issued pursuant to that mandate (see annex).

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Annex

Updated inventory chart of General Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, issued pursuant to resolution 69/321

Provisions requiring follow-up

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
1.	68/307, para. 24	*Underlines* the need to fully implement and observe rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, which provides that, during the sessions of the Assembly, the *Journal of the United Nations* shall be published in the languages of the Assembly, from within existing resources.	Secretariat	This mandate has now been included in paragraph 41 of resolution 69/324, the latest resolution on multilingualism. In an oral statement at the time of the adoption of that resolution, a representative of the Secretariat informed the General Assembly that: "The current interpretation and practice with respect to rule 55 is that the *Journal* is published in the six languages of the Assembly during the main parts of the General Assembly, from September to December, while during the remainder of the year the *Journal* is issued in English and French only. Accordingly, if the General Assembly decides to continue with the current practice reflected in paragraph 41, adoption of the draft resolution would not require additional resources under the programme budget" (see A/69/PV.103).
2.	69/321, para. 54	*Recalls its request* to the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, proposals to review the budget allocation to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with existing procedures, and in this context looks forward to considering such proposals during the main part of its seventieth session.	Secretariat	The Secretary-General had put forward proposals for resources relating, inter alia, to the handover and overlap costs for staff of the incoming President of the General Assembly, who usually arrive earlier to start working in the Interim Office of the President-elect and therefore overlap with the staff of the outgoing President for several weeks (as reflected in document A/69/416, para. 13 (b) (i)), which, however, was not approved by the Assembly (see resolution 69/264). As a result, the latest proposed programme budget did not include any such proposals. In its resolution 70/247 on questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, the Assembly, however, once again requested the Secretary-General to review the budget

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				allocation to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with existing procedures. The Secretary-General is currently reviewing the means by which the requirements of the Office of the President of the General Assembly can best be met in accordance with the Assembly's request.